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1. SLOVENIAN CHEMICAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES LED BY DR. PREMUR ATTENDED DUBROVNIK MEETING AND ESTABLISHED PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH RELEVANT AMERICAN FIRMS PRESENT. SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS IN LJUBLJANA INDICATE SLOVENIAN INTEREST IN US TECHNOLOGY STIMULATED. ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT WAS THAT SOME OF THE US REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT HAVE TIME ON THIS TRIP ALSO TO VISIT LJUBLJANA AS HAD BEEN FORESEEN BY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND USYEC.

2. NEXT INITIATIVE FOR SLOVENE SIDE WILL BE FACT FINDING DURING US VISIT OF SLOVENIAN VICE PRESIDENT ZVONE DRAGAN MAY 23-JUNE 13, 1975 (SEE REFTTEL C). WE SUGGEST MEPD COORDINATE WITH CU, USIA, AND WALKER AT USYEC TO HELP DRAGAN GROUP (WHICH INCLUDES LJZE FORTUNA, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE SLOVENIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND BANKER, MARJAN KANDUS) DEVELOP CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE US FIRMS. SLOVENES PARTICULARLY WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US CHEMICAL INDUSTRY AND HAVE INDICATED SPECIFIC INTEREST (PER REFTTEL C) IN VISITING DU PONT AT WILMINGTON.

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3. LJUBLJANA BANK OFFICIAL FURTHER INFORMED US THAT, FOLLOWING SUMMER VACATION PERIOD, SLOVENES WOULD NEXT ORGANIZE A WELL-QUALIFIED TECHNICAL GROUP TO VISIT US IN SEPTEMBER. IN INTERIM, SLOVENES WOULD WELCOME CONTACTS WITH US COMPANIES VISITING YUGOSLAVIA.
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